

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of dispensing gel for separation of the serum and coagulum portions of a blood sample in a blood collection tube is provided. The present disclosure of dispensing the gel comprises utilizing a gel dispensing apparatus with a nozzle head having a plurality of openings. The gel dispensing apparatus dispenses either a continuous band of gel around the central portion of the collection tube or a plurality of discrete stripes that form a circumferential pattern thereto. Once the gel is dispensed, the tube is ready for accepting a blood sample for eventual separation in a centrifuge where the dispensed gel will form a barrier that exhibits strong adhesive properties after separation of the blood sample has occurred.

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